

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 65

By Crowe

A RESOLUTION to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Johnson City/Jonesborough/Washington County Chamber of Commerce.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body commend those long-standing organizations that work to promote the commercial success of their communities and this State; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy organization is the Johnson City/Jonesborough/Washington County Chamber of Commerce, which will celebrate its 100th anniversary on July 6, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Johnson City, Jonesborough, and Washington County have reaped the rewards of entrepreneurs, such as Henry Johnson and George Carter, who invested in the community's development and enabled the creation of economic organizations, including the Board of Enterprise, the Johnson City Business Club, the Board of Trade, and the Commercial Club; and

WHEREAS, in 1915, a group of citizens led by Amzi Smith established the Johnson City Area Chamber of Commerce, serving Johnson City, Jonesborough, and Washington County; and

WHEREAS, throughout the past 100 years, the Johnson City Area Chamber of Commerce has worked in partnership with the City of Johnson City, the Town of Jonesborough, and Washington County to encourage growth, promote business, enhance economic and community development, and serve as a catalyst for community improvement; and

WHEREAS, the Johnson City/Jonesborough/Washington County Chamber of Commerce and Foundation Board members serving the commercial needs of the community

include Tembra Aldridge, Rick Bishop, Cathy Byers, Jerry Caldwell, McKenzie Calhoun, Joe Carr, Steve Conerly, Phillip Cox, Steve Darden, Dr. Dennis Depew, Andy Dietrich, Trina Dugger, Jeff Dykes, Mike Elbers, Larry England, Dr. Janice Gilliam, Joe Grandy, Dr. Bill Greer, Vince Hickam, Jeff Jones, Valda Jones, Jennifer Keller, Mark Kinser, Michelle Lee, Gary Mabrey, Odie Major, Chuck Mason Jr., Dave McAuley, Logan McCabe, CeeGee McCord, Mitch Miller, Dr. Brian Noland, Neil Poland, Art Powers, Kelly Price, Jim Pugh, Lottie Ryans, Charles Smith, Melissa Steagall-Jones, Grant Summers, Tim Swecker, Carol Trahan, Melody Trimble, Lewis Wexler Jr., Chad Whitfield, and Guy Wilson; and

WHEREAS, the Johnson City/Jonesborough/Washington County Chamber of Commerce is aptly administered by its professional staff, including Gary Mabrey, Gavin Andrews, Elisa Britt, Glenda Britt, Cindy Foster, Jennifer Greenwell, Heather Hill, Barbara Mentgen, and Brenda Whitson; and

WHEREAS, it is wholly fitting that we recognize the Johnson City/Jonesborough/Washington County Chamber of Commerce for 100 years of tireless work in promoting the economic growth of its community; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we commend and applaud the Johnson City/Jonesborough/Washington County Chamber of Commerce upon the commemoration of its 100th anniversary and extend to the chamber, its members, and its partners our best wishes for continued success in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.